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**RE: SB 34—Support as amended March 27, 2001**

Dear Senator Burton:

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The League of Women Voters of California supports SB 34, your bill which makes a number of technical and some substantive changes to Proposition 34, passed by the voters in November 2000.

*Voter Service*  
Jacquie Canfield  
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The League supports state campaign finance practices for candidates and advocates of ballot measure positions which will ensure full disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures. We are pleased that SB 34 extends the disclosure provisions of Prop 34 by including a requirement that state candidates and ballot measure committees file reports online or electronically with the Secretary of State within 48 hours of receipt of contributions of \$5000 or more prior to the 90-day pre-election period covered by the Proposition.

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We approve that SB 34 clarifies that the \$25,000 limit on contributions to political parties applies to contributions used for communicating with party members at the behest of a candidate regarding that candidate's election. We note, however, that there are significant unresolved issues concerning Section 85312 (communications with members, employees, shareholders, and their families), and SB 34 could possibly be a vehicle for improvements to Proposition 34 in that area.

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